[Translation]

Rail Line between Bhatinda and Kandla

2118. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any survey has been conducted for laying rail line between Bhatinda and Kandla; and

(b) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). Study for provision of a BG rail route from Bhatinda to Kandla was conducted in 1989-90. Based on this study, the work was included in the budget 1990-91. The work consisted of gauge conversion of Lalgarh-Bikaner-Merta Road-Jodhpur-Samdari-Bhildi, Patna-Chanasma-Pechraji and Viramgam and new line from Bhildi to Patan. Leter, when gauge converion of Delhi-Ahmedabad was started in 1992-93, it was decided to provide Kandla-Bhatinda BG rail route via Viramgam-Mehesana-Jodhpur-Bikaner-Bhatinda. Work on Lalgarh-Bikaner-Merta Road-Jodhpur has been completed and work on Jodhpur-Luni-Samdari-Bhildi-Mahesana-Viramgam is in progress and is targetted for completion within this financial year. With the completion of this work, there will be direct rail line from Bhatinda to Kandla.

[English]

Area Under Oilseeds

2119. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the areas under the oilseeds cultivation in Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that direction; and

(c) the target sets and achievements made in this regard during the Eighth Five year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Based on the information supplied by Govt. of Orissa, the area increase programme have been planned under groundnut through crop substitution in Kharif, Rabi and summer season (irrigated conditions in command areas) under soyabean in Kharif and under mustard in Rabi season. The area increase programme are basically based on crop substitution, inter cropping, multiple cropping and replacement of uneconomic crops.

(c) The area targets and achievements are as under:

Area in 000 ha.

Year	Target	Achievement
1	2	3
1992-93	1251	1092
1993-94	1220	1116
1994-95	1242	1121
1995-96	1290	1146
1996-97	1378	Sowing in progress

Conversion of Metre Gauge into Broad Gauge

2120. SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the time by which the broad gauge conversion of Dindigual to Trichi is likely to be completed; and

(b) the total allocation of funds for the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) By March'98 as per present indications.

(b) Rs. 15.41 crores till 1996-97.

Modernisation of Nagpur Railway Station

2121. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have formulated any plans for the modernisation of the Nagpur Railway Station;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the rush of passengers have increased manifold during the past few years at Nagpur railway station; and

(d) if so, the concrete steps proposed to be taken by the Government to provide basic minimum facilities at the Nagpur Railway Station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A work comprising widening of platforms, provision of additional retiring rooms, provision of escalators, extension of platform shelter, augmentation of toilet facilities, enlargement and improvement of circulating area etc. has been sanctioned this year at an estimated cost of Rs. 335.50 lakh.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Malpe Fishing Harbour-II

2122. SHRI OSCAR FARNANDES : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether proposal has been received from the Government of Karnataka for clearance of the Malpe Fishing Harbour-II in the State;

(b) whether it has been approved and sanctioned;

(c) if so, the time by which the same is likely to be constructed; and

(d) the cost involved in construction of the Project?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Malpe Stage-II fishing harbour is scheduled to be completed within four years from the date of administrative approval viz. 19th February, 1996.

(d) The project has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 1196.70 lakhs out of which Government of India's 50% share is Rs. 598.35 lakhs.

Renaming of Railway Station

2123. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received proposal to change the name of Shyam Bazar Metro Railway Station to "Hemant Basu Metro Railway Station";

(b) whether the West Bengal Assembly has also sent proposal to this effect;

(c) if so, the time by which the name would be changed; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d). The Chief Minister of West Bengal had written to the Minister of Railways in this connection. The matter was examined. The proposal is not in conformity with the existing guidelines on the subject.

Norms for Bestowing Awards

2124. SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to constitute a Committee to review the norms for bestowing Padma Vibhushan and Padam Shri Awards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether similar Committee are also to be constituted at the States level; and

(d) if so, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d). The Government has already constituted a High Level Review Committee to go into guidelines for the Padma Awards and certain other aspects. The composition of the Committee is an as under :

Chairman

1. Vice-President of India.

Members

2. Cabinet Secretary
3. Attorney-General of India
4. Home Secretary
5. Foreign Secretary
6. Secretary to the President
7. Shri Ram Niwas Mirdha
8. Prof. U.R. Anantha Murthy, President, Sahitya Akademi.
9. Prof. (Miss) A.S. Desai, Chairperson, UGC.
10. Prof. M.Y. Qaudri, Vice-Chancellor, Kashmir University.
11. Prof. Yashpal, National Research Professor.

The terms of reference of the High Level Review Committee are as follows :

(i) to reivew the existing guidelines and to fix the criteria for the selection of persons for the Padma Awards (criteria which will enhance respect for the Padma Awards);

(ii) to lay down restrictions on the number of Awards to be given and to ensure that the number is not so high as to dilute the value of the Awards; and

(iii) to decide whether the Awards should be given every year.

No proposal to set up similar Committees at the State level is under consideration.

Standards for Cattle Feed

2125. JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) whether some Indian Standards provide mixing of slaughter house waste, Bone meat, fish meal in Cattle feeds;

(b) if so, whether any objections have been raised by some voluntary organisations to delete the same;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. Provisions do exist in the Indian standards viz.